

**Minutes of Meeting**  
State Board of Education  
November 15, 2000

The November meeting of the State Board of Education was held in the State Board Room, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines. Board members present were Corine Hadley; Gregory McClain; Mary Jean Montgomery; Donald Roby; Gene Vincent; and Kay Wagner. Also present were Department director Ted Stilwill and Department staff members Gail Sullivan, Judy Jeffrey, Lee Tack, Carol Greta, Tom Andersen, Mary Sullivan, Jerda Garey, Jan Friedel, Susan Anderson, Ann McCarthy, Dave Alvord, Xiaoping Wang, Ron Parker and Beverlee Adams. Also in attendance were Robin Madison and Shawn Snyder, Legislative Fiscal Bureau; Marge Spevak, Des Moines; Lisa Green, Rod Bochart, *Cedar Rapids Gazette*; Todd Dorman, *Lee Newspapers*, and Frank Santiago, *Des Moines Register*.

**STATE BOARD WORK SESSION: BUILDING INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS**

A work session was held to discuss the following two documents:

- Inclusive Schools: Issues for Discussion
- Building Inclusive Schools and Communities: Draft Policy Concepts

President Hadley called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m.

It was moved by Mary Jean Montgomery and seconded by Don Roby to approve the agenda as written.

**COMMUNICATION**

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Board Member Reports**

Kay Wagner reported on the Community College Council agenda and discussion. She thanked Don Roby for his leadership on the Five-Year Community College Strategic Plan. The final plan will be brought to the December meeting.

Greg McClain shared information about his attendance to the Iowa Jobs for American Graduates meeting. Mr. McClain indicated he was in attendance for the teachers compensation meeting in Hudson. He felt there was positive feedback and a strong participation. He encouraged all Board members to attend these meetings. President Hadley indicated she had appointed Greg

McClain to serve on the Changing Faces of American Children national committee.

Don Roby reported that Director Stilwill was the guest speaker at the Decorah Kiwanis Club. Mr. Roby shared that the Community College Strategic Plan would be on the December Board agenda and if Board members had suggestions they should contact Mary Wiberg.

Mary Jean Montgomery indicated she was the guest speaker at her local rotary group on the teacher compensation issues. She had also done a local interview with Radio Iowa. Ms. Montgomery talked about Lakeside Laboratory offering college credit courses to high school students under a special program.

Corine Hadley reported she had attended the Iowa Public Television joint meeting with the Foundation and the IPTV Friends Organization. President Hadley talked about the level of commitment needed in considering the proposal to establish youth representation on the Board. She felt a great deal of thought needed to be given to this proposal before making any decision.

### **Director's Report**

Ted Stilwill indicated the Education Budget Priority Public Hearing will be held November 27 and all Board members are welcome to attend. Director Stilwill handed out copies of "The New Face of Iowa" a 2010 strategic plan. The Governor's Strategic Planning Council was comprised of more than 100 Iowa volunteers serving on many different task forces and committees.

Director Stilwill attended the annual Chief State School Officers meeting. He also shared the progress being made in the teacher compensation conversations across the state.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Minutes**

The minutes of the October 19-20, 2000 meeting were approved as written.

#### **Program Approvals**

The following secondary program revision was approved:

Postsecondary program through Northeast Iowa Community College  
Animal Science, Dairy Management, change in length and award.

#### **Appeal Decision**

The following appeal decision was approved:

In re Krystle Peelen. The decision affirms the decision of the Board of Directors of the Sheldon Community School District made on April 10, 2000, denying the Appellant's late-filed open enrollment request.

### **Accreditation for Nonpublic School**

The Regis Middle School of Cedar Rapids in the Dubuque Archdiocese was approved for accreditation as presented.

### **Rules: Uniform Waiver, Chapter 4**

Ann McCarthy, policy consultant, presented an overview of the order requiring all state agencies to adopt a uniform waiver rule.

**Motion:** Kay Wagner moved and Don Roby seconded that the Board approve the rules for notice of intended action.

**Vote:** The vote carried unanimously.

### **Annual Condition of Education Report**

Director Stilwill presented the highlights from the eleventh annual Condition of Education Report. The special focus of Director Stilwill's report was on:

- Addressing the Challenges of Small Schools – Supporting Quality Education.
- Decreasing the Achievement Gap.

He indicated the 2000 report includes information on Iowa's education system from prekindergarten through high school. This year's report includes a new section on State Indicators of Student Success. Mr. Stilwill thanked the staff for the great job they had done. Additional information in the report also provided data on enrollments, programs, student performance, staff and finance.

### **Proposed Policy – Iowa Coordinating Council for Post High School Education**

Mary Jean Montgomery presented the revised version of the draft proposal being recommended by the Iowa Coordinating Council.

**Motion:** Gene Vincent moved that the State Board accept the change in the role of the Iowa Coordinating Council for Post High School Education to review and comment on new programs.

**Vote:** The vote carried unanimously.

**Discussion of Legislative Initiatives – 2001**

Ann McCarthy, Policy consultant, shared an outlook of the legislative priorities for the 2001 legislative session. Director Stilwill talked about the change in climate for this year's session and the Board priorities.

The Board president handed out a list of proposed topics for the December Board.

President Hadley adjourned the meeting.

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Corine Hadley  
President

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Ted Stilwill  
Director